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- I, Kristine Forderer, declare as follows:
- 1. I am an attorney at the law firm of Cooley LLP and an attorney of record for Google LLC ("Google") in the above-captioned matter. I am licensed to practice law in the state of California and am admitted to practice before this Court. I submit this declaration in support of the Joint Stipulation to Extend Time to Respond to the Initial Complaint By More Than 30 Days (L.R. 8.3) ("Stipulation") in compliance with this Court's standing order, and make this declaration based on my personal knowledge.
- 2. On February 14, 2024, Plaintiff filed a class action complaint ("Complaint") in this action against Google and Home Depot, Inc. ("Home Depot"). ECF No. 1. Google was served with the summons on February 22, 2024. ECF No. 15.
 - 3. Google recently retained Cooley as counsel in this action.
- 4. Soon after being retained, Cooley reached out to counsel for Plaintiff to request a 60-day extension, to which they agreed. Cooley then drafted the Stipulation, coordinated with counsel for Home Depot to incorporate their feedback, and obtained assent to file the Stipulation from counsel for Plaintiff.
- 5. The requested extension is necessary so that Google and its counsel can fully assess the claims and defenses at issue, continue investigating the facts surrounding Plaintiff's allegations, identify the governing contractual agreements, and explore consolidation of this case with a similar case filed in the Northern District of California on October 23, 2023, pending before the Honorable Rita F. Lin, captioned *Ambriz v. Google LLC*, No. 23-cv-05437. The requested extension also would provide Home Depot sufficient time to locate any records of Plaintiff's alleged calls to Home Depot. The requested 60-day extension is for same the amount of time Google would have had to respond to the Complaint had Plaintiff sought a waiver of service (which Google would have agreed to).

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6. Upon being served, Google diligently began its factual investigation, assessment of the claims, coordination with Home Depot, and exploration of consolidation. However, Google cannot complete these steps by March 14, the current deadline to respond to the Complaint. The 60-day extension is designed to allow sufficient time to complete these steps.

7. No previous extensions by either party have been sought in this action.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on March 12, 2024 in San Francisco, California.

> By: /s/ Kristine A. Forderer Kristine Forderer (278745)